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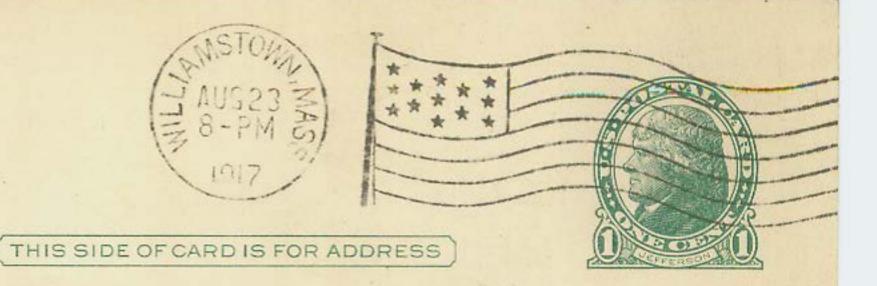


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WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., Ougust 191917

Lear Dad: -To I got out of the Infermary this moronisma, althryk I still have a persistent, irritating cough, which however, only bothers me in the early morning & just when I go to bed. If it gets worse again I will come lane, for I would rather spend my time there than in the Infirmary. They tried every bring device and medicine for that cough but to no avail, but my nurse told me to try some cod-liver stuff which she says she uses with wonderful results. I have a bottle now & expect some improvement within two days. If not, I shall leave here for good x go home, I spent six days in the Infirmary

with a two day vacating which made me feel warse. Olur Combany is in poor shape now, willout a Captain, 2nd hiert, 1st lergeaut, four sergeauts, and a few corporals, all recently. In the Tribune today there are some sictures of the trench work. The report which Lieux Colonel Moore turned in at Washington concerning this camp was very complementary, tiere who are of age skould get commissions without further training. That speaks pretty well of the place. That request for money is a sample of how we have to write all communications for furloughs, discharge etc. I really do need a little money, however.
Give my love to och the family Your loving son, Hugh.



Mrs H. C. Quigley Bellefonte Penn.

Thursday-Dear Mother: Despect to be showe og Sunday morning, via Williamsport although) Canhot be sure get, Hugh.

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WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., Quguet 17,1917.

From Codet Hugh M. Quigley, let Liest. BCO., W.U.RO.T.C.

To Judge Henry C. Quigley. 49 th Judicial District of Penn.

Subject Request for money.

1. I would like to have about twenty dollars before I leave for Belleforte.

2. My reasons are: that I have some bills to pay, including doctor and Infimary both this june and now; that there may eave up some unexpected items to pay; and that I like to be on the safe side.

3. My address while amoiting your reply will be: Williamstown, Mass.

Hugh M. Drigley.

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namely-H.M.Q. Gay left to drive an aubulance. Kingsley ment to the govit court at Presidio Calafornia. Stewart left to study. Becket went today to enter the august camp. Eteelera. I was eight months older and I could get in too. Dere for two weeks and gave graylock. Hey also provided their Rachard for a ride every evening from 6.30 till 7.3 Odecture, That was during

Quaret 15, 1917 Dear Mother: morning Report of B. Company. you would see this. 14 ld, to d. 15/1, d. to s.l. d = duty; s.h. = sich in liesfital; l.d. = light duty. I have a Defeating broux because on Friday

morning I felt rotten & had

a bad cough so I reported at sich call & Dr. Adriance said I had brouchitis. 9 stayed in bed till Sunday + then persuaded the Dr. To let me out entirely which he did. I was on light duty on monday, which means that I didn't have to work except in the adjutants office. I didn't like that form of amusement ofter the first one. On Juesday Helt worse today) Earne down here ogain with a cold & cough. I don't feel very

fadly but I have to stag in bed all day. Jim Karne has his Commission in the Reserve corps and fumpWood has one in the Regular army. Lump was given bis choice between a Captain or major in the Reserve Gorka ænd a Jud tient, in the Regulous He chose the latter. I we then list in the Times on Sunday. Whey this campstarted there were nine follows rooming in the two triple rooms. 'Now there is our

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roof of a dug-out when de slipped i ent luis foot. He is still here. have deen ent mith pieks since the work begans. Records + here is the certificate of inversances. Earl Dox balued at 300. Collect if any are broken. most of them are mine and the rest were left here by gay & Dick Washington. It is now 6,30 A-M; Dudgust 16- Thursday.
gil and I watched our Company and A Company

the extreme hot weather and that was the only cool hour of the 24 forus. Mrs. Irawford discovered on august 8th that I had just had a firthday, so she united me to dinner that night after already giving me ædimer og both the Sunday mights they were here lad two other firthday parties also. Loys bought 2 quarts of ice

cream and numerous sandwiches etc + surprised me with that in the evening just after the lig weldary wedding we had in the chakel. The tactical officers & cadel officers made on orch of sabers for the recessional + the Ballaling was there in force. The groom was Choate, capt. of D Company. It was a simpleidea, Ithink. John Radley bought me a birthday dimer

this last sunday night & 9 will return the favor this Tunday if John out & perfectly well. Smith, the Canadians, are fine: We have a whole set of trenches dug now, and A+B Companies are going to occupy the from 8 P. m. today till 8,30 P.m. tomorrow. I will wies that, no sleeping allowed during the night & everythy realistiques possible. On the 9th Mc Curdy was enthing a tree for the

he is one of the expert of the battalion of there were going to be bombing expeditions last general Pero vas here gesterday to see the sich Captain Perkins was here at least ouce every day a le took gil out in parades. This Captain Perkins is a Cowalry Signal Corps Capt. from new Jersey, and is one

go to the trenches last night at eight aichuck. We couldn't see them but could hear each squad as they passed the sentimals of about 100 yard intervals. The trenches are in a dig fille back of the Infirmary. Quater party came here for water at vine iclock. A Company was in the fire treuch, while BCo. occupied the support & reserve trenches. They built a complete barbed wing entanglement

during the night. Rockets and flores were probably Colina For Luch, du tures. was awake. I can't see a soul down there now. They are probably getting their first sleep now. They are not allowed to sleep at night or show their leads above the parapet in daylight.

asked up by a nurse, who asked me to come down + help bold a man with a broken arm. He was a very big & husky fellow

named Vaughan; his left fore arm was broken x Dr. mc Williams was guing then, ether. I held his right arm for a half an hour tell he was asleep. It took two cans of ether to do the truck-caus which hald a little more than half a drubing glass - and be raised some disturbance during the administration of the second can, He has been making some paise since six o'clock, when I woke up. the probably got the break on a bombing party, because Experiences when I get home. I hate to wait two hours for breakfast but I couldn't sleep any longer. Lots of long. of the nicest wen I ever knew. He was in charge of the camp while the general was envery. all day Tuesday me had a government inspection a tientenant Colonel of the Regular army was here and weatched everytting we did all day. We had battalion drill in the morning followed by a personal inspection of every man of his equipment by the Colonel, and in the

afternoon we had trench work - bombing, baymet practice, obstacle races, etc.

I kame never told you about my wrist-wetch. I found it langing on some of the little hall lights in our house after eviery one had morred out, and could never find the owner. It is a beauty- seven jamels, two adjustments.

Smiss made! Bladrif missed the days night in the treuches because) would probably have commanded both companies as the Captain of A leftyesterday to take an aviation exam These Canadian Captains are full of treuch stories, which they tell upon all occasions and they also lang seen some surful things. I will tell you some of their





Rugust 9,1917 Dear Doed i-Thank you very much for the money, and I am sorry you were worried about me but Thank Been so busy digging trenches, so fast that I didn't realize my negligence. Jo add to my work, Capt McCurdy nearly out

his foot soft this Punt work be back for work of all, the Jank Kient, + 1st seigt. have left for good, and 9 am all of these together now, new appointments will be made soon, bruens. I will write to you on Saturday + tell yoursme things worth while. Hour loving son, Much





I may be home before the 25th after all. I koke so. Joday & yesterday were fine, but the fine days before that it was owful. Temperature never below 90 Between 8 A.M. +8 P.M. + neuer below 84 even at night. no one could sleep. allowances for the beat, but not very I don't know of anything I want for my birth-day

August 4,1917 Dear nuther; Here is my account for July. It includes board for both murithes & is consequently very large. I couldn't possebly come home now, because I have only \$5.00 and anyway) hate that long journey." There is a small clause that I may get into a gooif

camp this month, - one of the regular rues, I mean. after the review. inspection etc, were oner this morning and everyage was in their rooms, a turny call was sent ordering all companies to fall in hume diatly. a telegram had been recid from somewhere intimating that not nearly eurigh men had applied for the

August camp and wanting to Burn low warry men from acre who badist been sexamined wished to be ... They even took the names of men under twentyand nine mus.) naturally gave my name + age as 20+1 month on August 27. Ihrere isnit much chance of their lowering the limit, but I have a faint koke lo

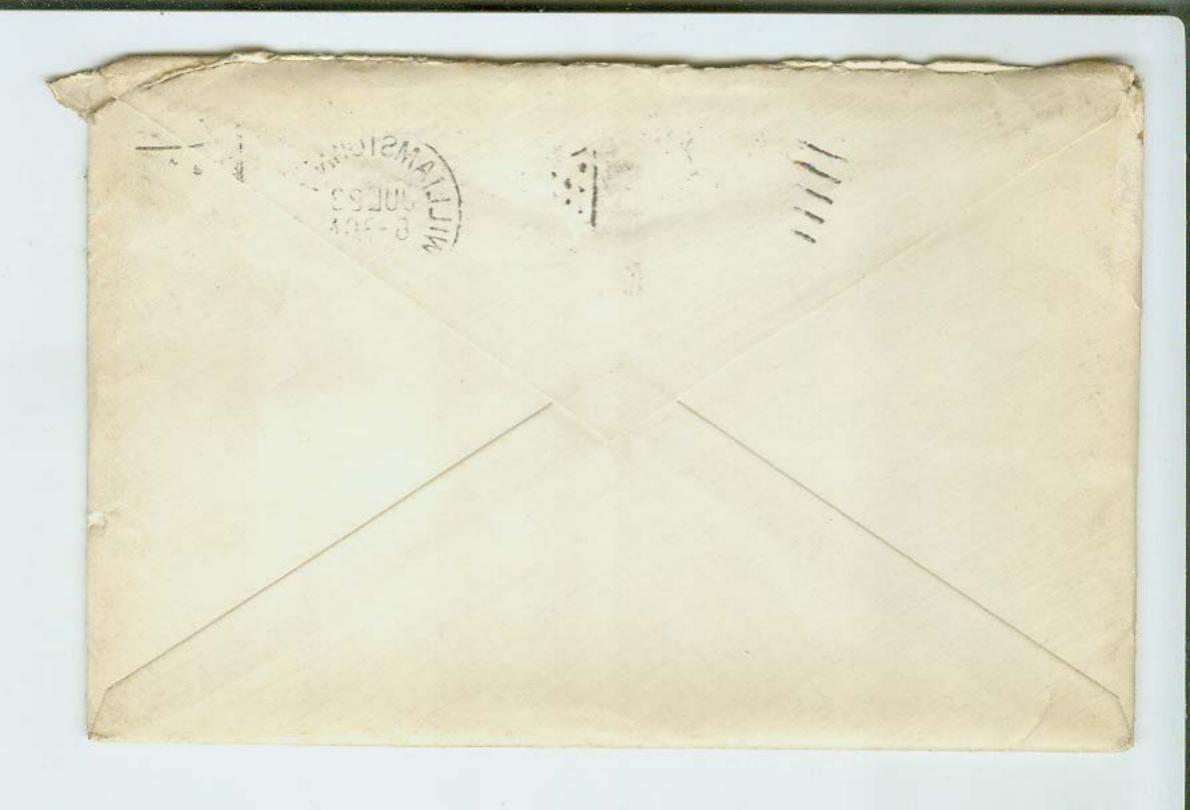
except a fine pair of pigskin kuttees which I Rought last Saturday They are about the best made + evst #14.00, but, on account of a slight scratch, I got them for #7,50, It was a underful opportunity to get just what Iwanted. The feeling about Fred's appointment is a

mistake, for he deserved it of will be a good officer. We had quite a battle problem yesterday afternoon, in which I commanded B. Company. Gilwas Major. I will have to stop now. I hope to see you soon or of least when this camp breaks up. fots of love to the family. Hugh.

July, 1917.

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Thursday our evupany was on the rifle range. which is 5 miles from here + is quite a little march for a hot day. I kad a peach of a time that day. I was in charge of the target pit all day except whom I took a dalf liour off to shoot. all I ded was to superintend from a chair in the middle of the trench and instruct each new shift how to

July 22, 1917

Dear Dad: The ameunement was made yesterday that we would have to produce another \$35.00 on July 28 to cover augusto board, etc. a lot of fallows are going to leave early for the august camp & more are going to leave on general principles for a summer vacation. I don't know what will become of the compother because all but two of the justing officers will be drafted into the Regular army on August fifth with the rest of the national quard. would hate to pay 35.00 for a month's board, if the earner willed be so decimated that I belt I could get no further

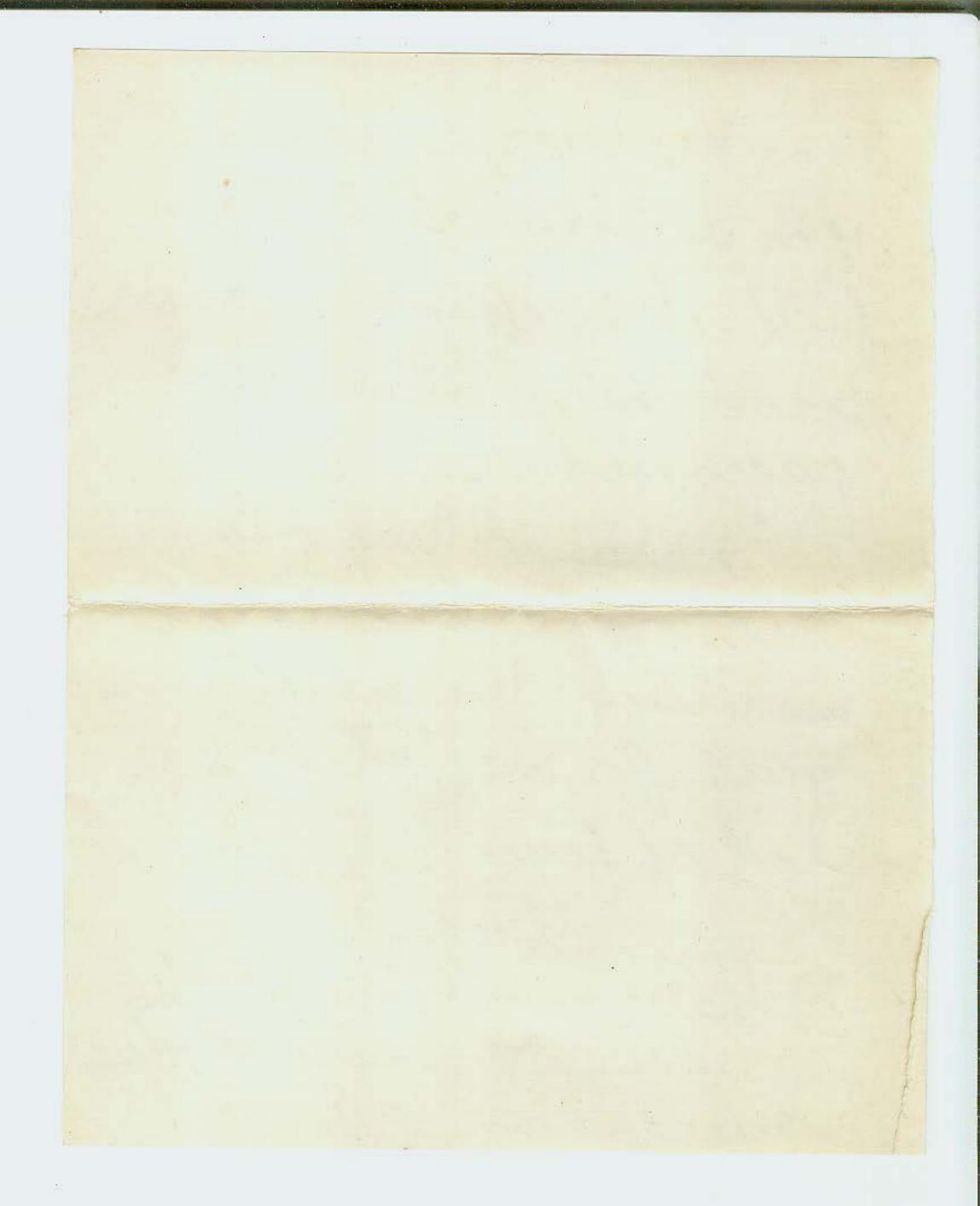
benefit from it & manted to go levere. Out of our company, the Captain, 2nd Rient., 1st Sergeant, 2 Sergeants and about ten others are going to the angust comps + more will probably leave for a vacation.) amagain acting captain for three days, because Jil is taking his exams for the counts. We have been working very hard lately & it has been emfully lot. Fast

will all thold there jobs up to majors, but some that some of them well be replaced. A.P. Coleman, ht fieut. 5 th. mass. Inf., adjutant "said ble would like to see a lot of U.G. officers replaced right now by men from this battalion. He is a fine man, but lee loones touverne along with kient Elliott switte good man. love fots of longh.

work the targets of wark. the shifts. I got a 41 when 9 shot. The best in our company was 42 fut of 50) at 200 yds. The march back was very tiring: we made it in on hour and two minutes. The road me took out there in the morning was 6 miles or the one me came back on was 4. The Clarks have gong back home. I went to see them a comple of

times and war their often between drill periods. Ihank you for that last check. I mish you could see this camp and the parades, etc. in which your son is a Captain, gil being adjutant I am not too enthusiastic about the work, but it is fine to be an officer. It is doing me a lot of good however. It is very easy to get a

furlough for 4 days or 20. 15 % of the battalion is on Burlough now, wood of them to take exams. When I get klome, there would be a single boy there, will there? national guard now, but it is too laterow. There will be no hatimal Guard after August 5. theywill all be drafted into the Regular army. Flie officers Dear Mother: - Fhank you very wuch for the fook: it is fine. I have read only about 20 pages so far. I played two fine sets of termis this morning: the first this year for me. It was a lot of fun, Hugh. I have underlined the newficant parts of the war defer.



Following the policy of commissioning officers on demonstrated worth, it is intended that, after the first increment of 500,000 has been organized, officers will be obtained by promoting officers and men already in the Regular Army, National Guard, and drafted forces, thus giving to those who have volunteered or have been drafted for military service full opportunity to earn promotion to the exclusion of those not in actual military service.

The period devoted to the organization of the first 500,000 must therefore be devoted to training and selecting officers for the second 500,000 to supplement those promoted from troops in service.

To meet this situation a second series of Officers' Training Camps will be held beginning August 27, 1917, with the definite mission of producing a body of line officers (Infantry, Cavalry, Field and Coast Artillery) capable of filling all places in the grades above lieutenant and many of the places in the grade of lieutenant in the second 500,000 troops.

The training camps to be established for this purpose will afford those not in the military service, or drafted in the future, the last opportunity to become officers. Also, in connection with these camps it is to be noted that mature and experienced men are needed to fill the higher grades (first lieutenant, captain, major, and a few lieutenant colonels) in the second 500,000.

- (e) Men who have qualined for commissions under General Orders, No. 42, war Department, 1915. Maximum age limit, 50 years.
- (f) Citizens of the United States who have had war service in the present war as officers or noncommissioned officers of the line in the armies of allied powers. Maximum age limit, 44 years.
- (g) Men of exceptional qualifications who tendered their services to the Government prior to June 5, 1917, and who have been listed under General Orders, No. 37, War Department, 1916. Maximum age limit, 50 years.
- (h) Citizens with valuable military experience and adaptability for commissioned grade, or citizens who have demonstrated marked ability and capacity for leadership, and are clearly adapted for military service in commissioned grade. Maximum age limit, 44 years.

NOTE.—Men who applied for the first series of camps must reapply whether or not certified as suitable for the first camps. Right to enter camp, if selected, is not affected by the fact that applicant is drafted before or after camp begins.

The minimum age limit for all applicants is 20 years and 9 months. However, in order to obtain the experienced class of men desired preference will be given to men over 31 years of age other things being equal.



Tell everyone to write to me, but I rever have tring to ornames letters except on rail accasions like this Most of Sunday exam which Thougho money & laundry diels ?. have to be paid once a week Slent 5,00

parade ulile Géluas away, I acted as captain all the time, made morning + taks euspecting of the szoons, made out the wany reports, etc. It is a Cot of from especially at drill & parade. Il is also adjutant, as ? have charge of the Company of Parade & warch them in line past the major, grieg them "Eyes Right jete.

July 13, 1917 Dear Mother; The food here is wonderful for a training camp-very good quality and lots of it. The work is the same of we certainly are telpt busy. On an ordinary day there is no time to write a letter, because in the only available time - the hoursbefore tapothis room is full of noisy fellows and no one feels like writing. 9 our writing this in the second Krill period of the afternoon, while the rest of the company is laving setting-up exercises, Gil. Mic Curdy, who returned yesterday, excused me because the tendon of my left

außle is sore & swalley to it is very poinful to do oll the leg & auble exercises with it.) don't know exactly kno I got it, Rut it will be all right soon.) can do everything but the setting-uprescrises 9 am First Kreutenant of the Company & actas Captain at all mess formations & at the evening

Wednesday afternoon while I was preparing for parade, who should step uito our room but Dr. Pratt. the said that the Clark family was here & would like to see we so that evening at 9 P.M.) ealled on them, leather puttees, sloppy blowse o all. The whole family

They have some demerit system here as you can see by the enclosed list. and officers get demerits from the officers in charge if they fail to report any delinguencies. 9 Rave reported a lot askedy This list went into effect three days ago. I had to report myself this morning was here - Mr., Mrs., Cathaine, for 'raising hand in ranks'.

The strictness a disapline (6) frient. coulduit be surpassed. One of the Cadets warned me gesterday about not watching for offenders earefully enough. They have some eorps of instructors here now:-General Pew, Supt. Rieutenant Coleman, adjt. (ACo) frent Elliott)
(DCo) ... Picket | Instructors

Coffient. Merch ju things Bestient. Melson particular. Cadet miller) West Print " Coogan) second classmen. Lieutenant Smith, setting up instructor, when major Koehler tried to get at West Point & willing be recommended as the best of his brind. They are all fine except merch & be only lacks the personality of the ability to teach, which is all-important.

¿ troop now, because they would be gone & Before I could learn to Fride I Robe I havenik made a mistake, but ask Scotty to read part of the War Dept Order of June 4. to you. It doesn't sound too good tome. foto of love to all the family, Your loving son,

Jean, Grace, & Danny. Catharine left Hursday morning, but the rest of the family well stay till Tuesday. Hat evening (wed) I stayed till the bugle blew taks, then ran back & made the inspection. The whole family turned out last night to see us warch back funy

mess + I talked to them for a while after) had discussed the company. They misself the parade, because they were in albany taking Catharine there to start her son her journey to the Catsbells or some such place. They all send love to you'r the rest of the family. Jean is a fine looking girl, but I drit think the two younger ones have grown any in the Root fine years.

interesting to see them again, o Dr. + Mrs. Prett are very nice.

It is almost too late for me to join the





would be less expousing for me to come home than to have you all up here, but I am tired of that trip. In the big 4th of July parade there, I acted as captain of our empany, Mc Curdy acting as adjutant. I more leather puttees & folf like a duke with the band, cheering populace governor, etc. after it was over tient. Welson said to me,-'you did very well, Mr. Swigley" Of course I felt badly they. fots of love the

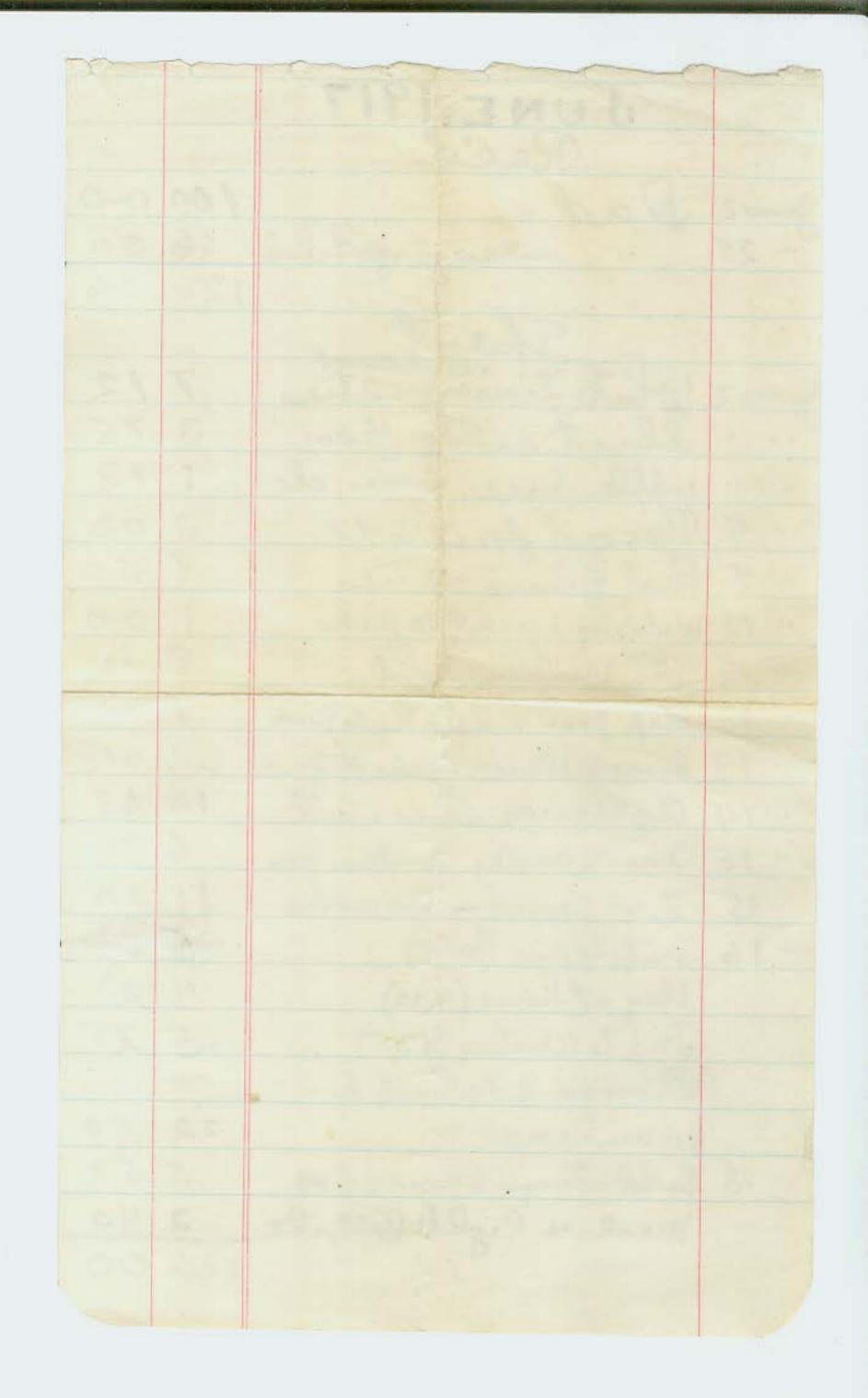
Dear Mother:
Enclosed find June
account.

) am a very busy boy just now. no time off, not even og Sunday. Fil McCouly is away on furlough till Thursday from Laturday noon +), being seame? officer of B.Co., am in emplete charge of the company. It is a lot of

work remembering all the reports - sick, morning, etc. - besides marching the company all arounds reporting to the adjutant. I went to the adjutants house this afternoon to straighten out some reports, & frent. Helson asked me to kelp-him make the appointments in our Co. That took an kour. when the appointments are

madepublic, I will be 1 of Lieutenant & McCurdy Captain of our Company. They won't be permanent for anyone sleming lack of ability. Tomake me fientenant I could come home on the 7th of august for a bew days if you don't want to come up here, but it would be fring to have you see this place &) would rotter Raw fori enne here. Of course, it

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by rhenmatism or something. He has a four inch service strike, so he wood have had quite a lot of experience, and be gets around quite a little mit the aid of a came, which he throws with drogust upon the ground when. someone makes au mistake. ble has a staff of six Rieutenants, all of which except one, are very good. July 3, 1917

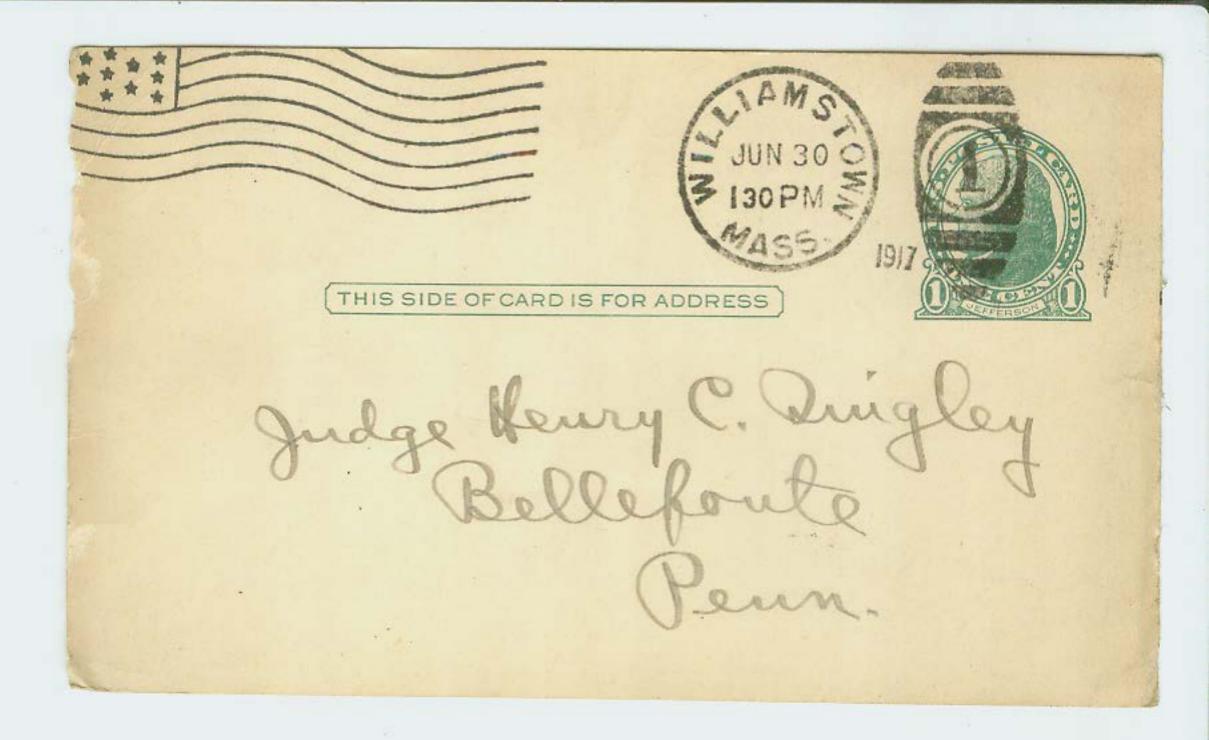
Dear Dad: Jell Mother not to warry about my letting small things such as that dance influence met choice of service.) am going to stay kere, even though I would rather join the troop. I got a letter today from lotty saying that he found in a Philadelphia

paper a statement that the Pennsylvania Militia will train at Front aglethorpe and then go to France. of I was absolutely sure that they would go to France, would go with them, but as it now stands I will be here all summer, suppose. Please pardon any incoherence in this letter because there are three

fellows in the room all talking while the Victorla plays. It is now nine viclock and me pust got back from the regular evening lecture by general Pew, who is an old, strict, disciplinarian, besides Reing a lawyer and a Boston gentleman, and having a leg made useless startled the good people of williamstown quite à lot. Lomorrow me are free till 1.15 P.M. when we are in a big parade, but me Kaue to get up at 6,55 anyway. Usually it is 555 except Sunday (655) Lights out at 10 P.M. Mark. Junist now stops Lots of love to the family, How loving son. Hugh.

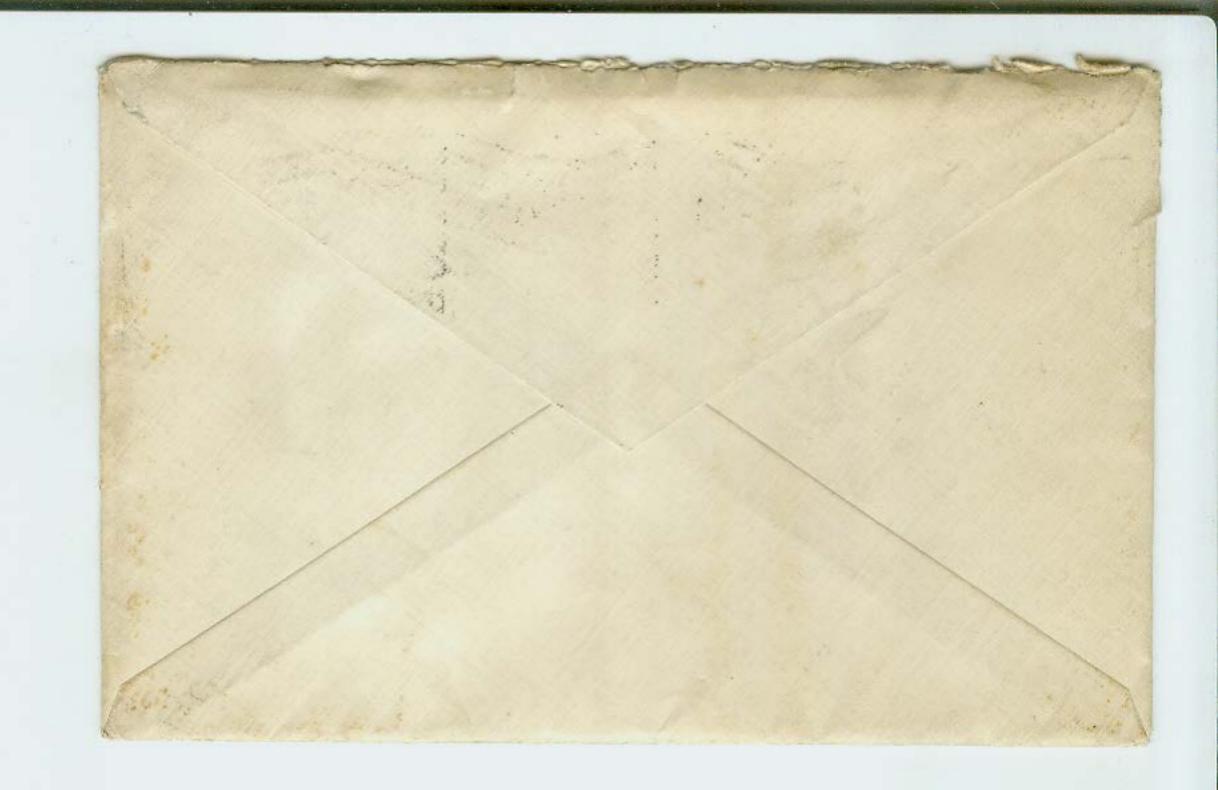
We (CoB) have the youngest and hest of them, - er young fellow who graduated from Harvard this year & was a eaptain there + is a 2nd fieut in the Mass. militia. He is fine & would get by as a regular anywhere. The other heuts are older and look less like soldiers but are pretty good. We work all day till

930 P.M. from 6 A.M. and they keep us busy all the time with drill, setting up exercises and lectures. We are in the very rudiments now, and they are bleing kammered in all the time. We were given rifles yesterday. There are only about 250 men kere, and it makes 4 very small companies. The only officers offauted so far are a section marcher and two quides fore each company, all temporary. I cam right guide of B. Co, and gil. McCurdy is section warcher He acts as adjutant subject when marching to meas, so I take charge of the company. Ou Sunday I was in charge of it all through the formating parade of colors, etc. and church. We marched to chakel that morning at 7.15 with the drums, and



lear Dad:Will you send ne \$35.00 for a month's board a ammunition! We are being worked from 6 FI.M. to 9.00 P.M. with the Exception of a couple of hours. I have to pay laundry etc with the winey I have now, I have decided to stay on the advice of a young N.G. MASS. Lient. who commands our company He says that all army officers say thata hay of eny age will be sure of a communican later. Hard work here, Jell Capt. Curtin please,

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June 27, 1917 Dear Dad:) got here safely yesterday When I got to New York about 6.30 on Monday I went to the grand Central, had supper, and checked my bag. Then I walked to the Princes Theatre and bought a tecket for Oh! Boy. Ofter that I started to walk around + get our idea of how the

city is put together while walking across 42 nd Street I met Clarissa Stemme and her mother and me had a little talk the wanted we to give her best to the whole family, especially you. She certainly is an awfully nice girl. after the sline, which was fine, I went to bed & woke up in albany.

when I got here there was only a landful of Loys here but there will De 175 outside Doys Y subfreshmen coming in. you will bear from me perhaps before you get this letter whether) will be house or not. There were a lot of Williams Doys at oh! Boy! Four to all the family.

